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SUBJECT: PRE-32ND UNGA CONSULTATIONS: PROPOSED VISIT OF AMBASSA-

DOR MELISSA WELLS AND COUNSELOR RICHARD PETREE

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1. EMBASSY WELCOMES VISIT OF AMBASSADOR WELLS AND MR.
PETREE ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE PROPOSED REFTEL. MINISTRY OF
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (MEA) HAS EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE ENTHUSIASM ABOUT
PROPOSED VISIT AND AUGUST 11-12 DATES ARE ACCEPTABLE TO THEM.
WE ANTICIPATE THAT SENIOR CONCERNED GOI OFFICIALS WILL BE AVAILABLE
FOR DISCUSSIONS. ONCE TIMING OF VISIT IS CONFIRMED, WE SHALL
BE ABLE TO PROVIDE NAMES OF PARTICIPANTS ON GOI SIDE.

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2. WE BELIEVE GOI WILL WELCOME WIDE RANGING DISCUSSION OF ISSUES WHICH USG BELIEVES WILL FIGURE PROMINENTLY IN UNGA, AND MEA HAS ASKED IF THERE ARE ANY PARTICULAR MATTERS TEAM WISHES TO RAISE. THEY HAVE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT IF TEAM WISHES TO PRESENT DRAFT RESOLUTIONS, ETC; THESE MIGHT BE SENT OUT IN ADVANCE FOR PRIOR DISCUSSION WITHIN GOI. ON OUR PART, WE BELIEVE THAT ON POLITICAL SIDE, IN ADDITION TO PERENNIAL POLITICAL SITUATION ISSUES OF

SPECIAL INTEREST TO THE US, SUCH AS GUAM, DISCUSSIONS COULD USEFULLY FOCUS ON DISARMAMENT AND HUMAN RIGHTS. IN VIEW OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS PLATFORM ON WHICH THE NEW INDIAN GOVT CAME INTO OFFICE, WE BELIEVE THERE IS INCREASED SCOPE FOR COLLABORATION WITH THE INDIANS ON THIS ISSUE IN MULTIALATERAL FORUMS. IN PARTICULAR GOI SUPPORT SHOULD BE SOUGHT FOR MAKING UN HUMAN RIGHTS MACHINERY MORE EFFECTIVE AND OBJECTIVE. IT SHOULD BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE GOI IS RELUCTANT TO MAKE HUMAN RIGHTS A FACTOR IN ITS BILATERAL RELATIONS.

- 3. ON THE ECONOMIC SIDE, QUESTIONS OF NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE AND RESTRUCTURING THE UN FOR MORE EFFECTIVE OPERATIONS SHOULD CERTAINLY BE INCLUDED ON AGENDA FOR TALKS, ALTHOUGH GOI IS NOT KNOWN TO BE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT LATTER TOPIC. ELUCIDATION BY AMBASSADOR WELLS AND MR. PETREE OF USG POSITIONS ON FULL RANGE OF NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES, SUCH AS RESOURCE TRANSFERS, TRADE, AND IMPROVED COMMODITY EARNINGS, WOULD BE HELPFUL. IN ADDITION, THEY MIGHT FIND THIS AN APPROPRIATE TIME TO DISCUSS QUESTION OF BRINGING THE USSR INTO THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, AS RAISED BY THE SECRETARY AT THE LAST OECD MINISTERIAL MEETING. THE DETERMINATION OF A FORUM FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE ENERGY DIALOGUE IS A TOPIC OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO THE GOI WHICH WE WOULD EXPECT THE INDIANS TO RAISE. (SEE NEW DELHI 10676.)
- 4. CONTROL OFFICER IS POLITICAL OFFICER JEFF BUCZACKI. WE ARE MAKING TENTATIVE RESERVATIONS FOR THE TEAM AT THE ASHOKA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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